--- 20 Cigarettes - tall format - “Rock City / Rothman Tobacco” [6-13D] - 1961 ---

A series begins in 1961 using the 3 mm. Roman wide spaced company code [**6 - 13 D**] close to the top, over a three digit sequence in 5 mm. Gothic placed at the center. These numbers read the weeks of 1961.

★**RC-396** - 20 cigarettes, imperf, cancelled by Rock City Tobacco,
coded **6-13D / 141** - for the 14th week [April] of 1961

[★RC-396]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961	---	---	---	**141**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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--- 20 Cigarettes - tall format - “Rock City / Rothman Tobacco” [6-13D] - 1962-63 ---

--- two digit number coding in BLACK INK ---

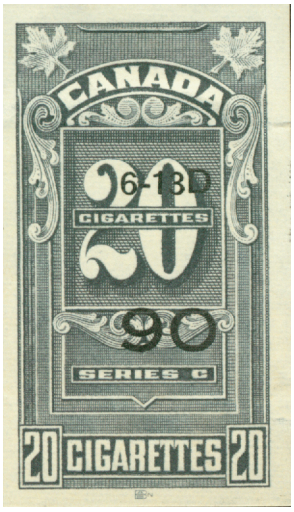
By the time that legislation in 1962 raised the weight limit for small cigarettes from the wartime limit of 2½ pounds to the pre-war three pounds per thousand, a new black cancellation series had begun using the 3 mm. Roman wide spaced company code [**6 - 13 D**] close to the top of the stamp, above a two digit sequence in 5 mm. Gothic placed below center. These numbers apparently read from **11** to **99** in an unbroken sequence. As can be seen from the red cancellations these numbers also include those used on the preceding *over-weight* cigarettes.

As the post-war filter-tip became more common, in an effort to increase the amount of tobacco used (since the filter replaced tobacco) in 1962 the pre-war standard of three pounds per thousand *small cigarettes* was restored. For a brief period late in 1961, and early in 1962, prior to proper legislation, some of the manufacturers were producing *overweight* twenty cigarette packs, and these stamps bear the three-line overprint **OVER / 22 Lbs. / PER 1000** catalogued as **RC-420**.

★**RC-420** - Dec.’61

★**RC-396** - Mar.’62

★**RC-396** - Sep.’64



★**RC-396** - Aug.’67

[★RC-420]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	22
1962	---	24	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

--- 12 copies to date ---

[★RC-396]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1962	---	---	25	---	27	---	---	30	31	32	---	34
1963	35	---	---	---	39	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1964	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	55	---	---	---
1965	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1966	---	---	---	---	75	---	77	---	---	---	---	---
1967	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	90	---	---	---	---

--- 20 Cigarettes - Tall Format - “Rock City / Rothman Tobacco” [6-13D] - 1962-63 ---

--- two digit number coding in RED INK ---

★**RC-396** - June ’61

★**RC-420** - Dec. ‘61

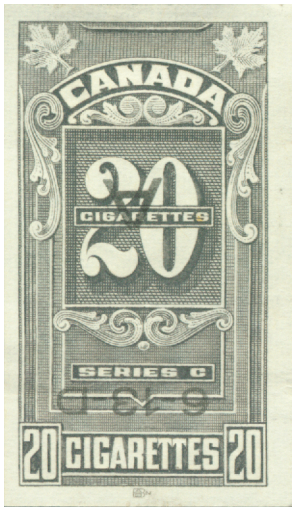
[★RC-420]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	22
1962	---	24	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

[★RC-396]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1961	---	---	---	---	---	16	---	---	---	---	---	---
1962	---	---	25	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	--	---
1963	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1964	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1965	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1966	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	82

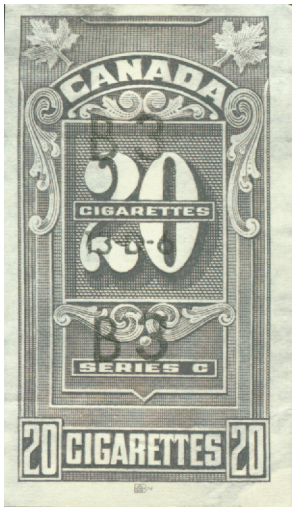
--- 20 Cigarettes - Tall Format - “Rock City / Rothman Tobacco” [6-13 D] - 1968-74 ---

In 1969 using the *tall format* imperforate twenty cigarettes stamp **RC-396** “Rock City” begins the new Rothman coding system using the doubled 5 mm. date format, and central 3 mm. company code [6-13D]. The dating is based on the twelve letter monthly code-word **AMBIDEXTROUS**.

There was no “Wings” Series in the *tall format* stamps. Thus when the small stamp began using the “Wings Series” with the twelve letter code word **AMBIDEXTROUS** in 1970, use of **RC-396** (the tall format stamp) continued. Initially the coded date is printed in 4 mm. Gothic, while the company code [6-13 D] is in 2½ mm. Gothic for 1968, and is reversed in 2 mm. Gothic [13 D - 6] by 1969. Red coded stamps probably exist - to date I have not encountered, and thus do not list red examples.



★**RC-396** - 20 cigarettes, imperf,
coded 6 -13 D / **A** in January 1969



★**RC-396** - 20 cigarettes, imperf,
coded 13D-6 / **B 3** in March 1973

The copy from January 1969 uses a single *inverted* cancellation, while the copy from March 1973 has an *upright* doubled date cancellation. As can be seen from the copies on the small format **C-371**, the change to the reverse company code had occurred by November 1969 (**U 9**).

[★RC-396]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1969	**A**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**
1970	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**
1971	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**
1972	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**
1973	**---**	**---**	**B3**	**I3**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**
1974	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**	**---**

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